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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number: 09/667,777

Filing Date: September 22, 2000

First Named Inventor: Mitsuaki KOMINO et al.

Group Art Unit: 1763

Examiner: Rudy ZERVIGON

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See "Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice," Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000). Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

a. ☐ Previously submitted

- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply after final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____.
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on [Date] _____.
- iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed:

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- iv. ☒ Other Petition for Extension of Time (Three month)

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [number] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

- a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:
 - i. ☒ \$750.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. ☒ Petition for extension of time for (Three month) \$ 930.00
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 1,680.00 is enclosed.
- c. ☒ The Director is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required

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For: ELECTRODE, SUSCEPTOR, PLASMA
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METHOD OF MAKING THE
ELECTRODE AND THE SUSCEPTOR

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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Final Office Action dated November 6, 2002, the period for reply having been extended for three months by a Petition for Extension of Time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, Applicants file a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, with this Amendment. Please amend this application as follows:

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